

REMARKS

This amendment after final is being filed simultaneously with an Appeal Brief, to correct minor informalities noted in the final Office action. Specifically, Claim 1 is amended to eliminate a typographical error that resulted in the rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph that was delineated in the final Office action. Hence, this rejection should be withdrawn, and not form a ground of the appeal.

Applicants submit that this amendment is in conformance with the requirements of 37 C.F.R. § 1.116, in that it does not necessitate a new search, does not raise the issue of new matter, does not present additional claims, or otherwise introduce new issues. Rather, this amendment places the claims in better form for appeal; therefore, its entry is respectfully requested.

If the Examiner has any comments or suggestions that could place this application in even better form, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned attorney at the below-listed number.

If for some reason Applicant has not paid a sufficient fee for this response, please consider this as authorization to charge Ingrassia, Fisher & Lorenz, Deposit Account No. 50-2091 for any fee which may be due.

Respectfully submitted,

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